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Dear CCNM Reviewer:

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the **Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM)**. This document details a range of alternatives for managing more than 20,000 rocks, small islands, exposed reefs, and pinnacles off the 1,100-mile length of the California Coast. These features, encompassing about 1,000 acres, are within a 4,600 square nautical mile area extending from the mean high tide line out 12 nautical miles, as delineated by the Presidential Proclamation establishing the California Coastal National Monument on January 11, 2000.

Please take some time to review the documents and provide comments. We will use the comments received to help us complete the Proposed RMP and Final EIS, which is scheduled for release in the Spring of 2005. **The deadline for comments is December 16, 2004.** Comments should be mailed to: California Coastal National Monument, 299 Foam Street, Monterey, CA 93940. If you prefer, you may submit your comments by electronic mail by sending them to cacnm@ca.blm.gov or you may fax your comments to us at (831) 647-4244.

Overall, the Draft RMP/Draft EIS focuses on protection of the scenic and geologic formations of the CCNM and the habitat they provide for seabirds, sea mammals, and unique vegetation. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS also discusses provisions for research, education, and additional planning through collaboration, cooperation, and coordination with agencies and organizations that have natural and/or cultural resources management responsibilities along the coast. Goals of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS reflect the direction contained in the Presidential Proclamation that created the CCNM and issues identified by people interested in management and protection of coastal resources.

Thank you for your interest in the planning effort for and the long-term management of the California Coastal National Monument. We hope that you will continue your valuable involvement by reviewing and commenting on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.

Sincerely,

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